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AMENDMENT

Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action on the merits dated August 22, 2002 for the above-captioned application. Petition is hereby made for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(1). Permission is hereby given to charge Deposit Account Number 50-0238 the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2).

In the Specification

At page 10, line 22, please delete the paragraph which begins with "The SOG film 18 ...". Please replace the aforementioned paragraph with the following paragraph: